

**STATE OF NEVADA SUBSTANCE ABUSE WORKING GROUP**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**March 29, 2017 – 10:00AM**

**Location of Meeting**

*(Videoconferenced)*

Office of the Attorney General  
Mock Courtroom  
100 N. Carson Street  
Carson City, NV 89701

Office of the Attorney General  
Grant Sawyer Building  
Room 4500  
555 E. Washington Ave.  
Las Vegas, NV 89101

**Members present:**

Wesley Duncan, First Assistant Attorney General – Vice Chair  
Chuck Callaway, Police Director, Las Vegas Metro Police Department  
Pat Hickey, Executive Director, Charter School Association of Nevada  
Mark Jackson, Douglas County District Attorney  
Linda Lang, Executive Director, Nevada Statewide Coalition Partnership  
David Marlon, President, Solutions Recovery, Inc.  
Dr. Stephanie Woodard, Licensed Psychologist, Department of Health & Human Services  
David Wuest, Deputy Executive Secretary, Nevada State Board of Pharmacy, with proxy  
of Dr. Larry Pinson  
Asheesh Bhalla, Board Counsel

**Members Absent:**

Adam P. Laxalt, Attorney General – Chair  
Dr. Miriam Adelson, Adelson Clinic  
Dr. Larry Pinson, Executive Secretary, Nevada State Board of Pharmacy  
Richard Whitley, Director, Department of Health and Human Services

**Others Present:**

Patricia Cafferata  
Shelly Capurro  
Jennifer DeLett-Snyder, Executive Director, Join Together Northern Nevada  
Sarah Hunt  
Marissa Kuckhoff  
Liz MacMenamin, Vice President of Government Affairs, Retail Association of Nevada  
Chelsey Parvin, Drug Prevention Coordinator, Street Enforcement Team, Reno Police Dept.  
Brandi Planet  
Jamie Ross  
Martie Washington

**1. Call to order and roll call of working group members.**

Assistant Attorney General Wes Duncan called meeting to order. Secretary Marissa Kuckhoff, called roll.

**2. Public Comment.**

None.

**3. Discussion and possible action on approval of February 8, 2017, meeting minutes. (Attachment "A")**

David Marlon moved to approve the minutes as written. Chuck Calloway seconded the motion and the motion passed with Mark Jackson abstaining from the vote.

**4. The Attorney General's Statewide Messaging Campaign update. Linda Lang/Carson City. (DISCUSSION AND ACTION.)**

Linda Lang gave a brief overview of the progress of the Statewide Messaging Campaign. Lang looked at advertisements previously done through the Attorney General's Office (AGO) and found they were completed using the Nevada Broadcasters Association. Lang contacted the Nevada Broadcasters Association and obtained costs. Per Chuck Callaway's suggestion at the last meeting, Lang contacted R&R Partners and will continue to compile information to provide to Attorney General Laxalt. Dr. Stephanie Woodard researched Master Service Agreements and the State's Purchasing Department was contacted. Trey Delap and Lang researched the Good Samaritan Act. Lang explained that further research needed to be done and that the goal is to meet with AG Laxalt to present the proposals once the research phase is completed. Patricia Cafferata suggested contacting the State Treasurers Office to obtain the advertising agency used in past campaigns.

**5. Quick update on Legislative matters from the 2017 Session. Wes Duncan/Las Vegas. (Discussion)**

Duncan updated the group as to Senate Bill (SB) 59. The bill was heard and amended. Dr. Woodard reported on Assembly Bill (AB) 474. Liz MacMenamin of the Retail Association of Nevada reported that AB 474 is waiting to be heard by the committee. She stated that the AGO's bill and the Governor's bill have different language but it appears doctors will be required to register with the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PMP). Lang asked about prescribing limits. MacMenamin believes this would be discussed in committee. Dr. Woodard reported that she worked with Dr. John DiMuro and S. Paul Edwards to draft the prescribing guidelines in the bill.

Mark Jackson updated the group as to AB 438 and how it would change the drug-trafficking laws and scheduling of controlled substances. Penalties would be reduced under this bill. Chuck Callaway reported that Speaker Jason Frierson plans to bring a bill or bill amendment regarding trafficking levels. The Senate Judiciary Committee will be hearing SB 329, SB 341, SB 344, SB 374, and SB 378 on marijuana. SB 344 prohibits the sale and packaging of candy-like marijuana products. Callaway reported that of particular concern to public safety is bill language that exempts owners of businesses where marijuana can be consumed from any type of prosecution

of illegal activity related to marijuana. Pat Hickey reported that the Governor's Regulatory Task Force met and Senator Joe Hardy and Assemblywoman Jill Tolles are receptive to recommendations from the group. Jeffrey Zinsmeister of Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM), reported to Hickey growing concerns over the use of medical marijuana. Marlon reported that SB 262 would require assignment of benefits to be adhered to and insurance companies to directly pay the provider of treatment and not the patient, as that process has resulted in patient relapse and non-payment to providers.

**6. Planning and update regarding National Take Back Day, April 29, 2017. (Group Discussion and possible action.)**

Callaway reported that there has been discussion of closing the incinerator in Utah used to dispose of LVMPD Metro's controlled substances. He anticipates needing an alternative method of disposal. Lang reported that in northwestern Nevada the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) takes the controlled substances to Crow's Landing, California and in the northeastern part of the they are taken to Utah for disposal.

Lang reported that 14 out of 17 Nevada counties will have disposal locations for Take Back Day. There will be six locations in Washoe County (four in Reno and two in Sparks); four locations in Carson City; seven locations in Las Vegas; five locations in Douglas County (four in the Valley and one in South Lake Tahoe); one location in Winnemucca; one location in Fallon; and a location in Elko and Spring Creek.

**7. Update on the Dept. of Health and Human Services and Law Enforcement Grant Application. Dr. Stephanie Woodard/Carson City. (Discussion and possible action.)**

Dr. Woodard reported that two grants are being worked on. The first is a formula grant that determines the disease burden and population statistics. The grant determined that Nevada would receive approximately \$5.5 million dollars each year for two years, 20% to prevention; 80% to treatment, and a cap for a Law Enforcement Coordinator. Finalized funding has not been determined. The second grant would fund a comprehensive opioid abuse site-based program, specifically infrastructure for information sharing between law enforcement and public health. DHHS is working with the AGO on this grant application.

**8. Public comment.**

No public comment from Las Vegas. Jennifer Delett-Snyder of Join Together Northern Nevada reported from Carson City that Washoe County includes visits to senior centers and the Reno Sparks Indian Colony in Take Back Day. She further reported that the University of Nevada, Reno has secured a drop box and is in the process of securing a second one.

**9. Adjournment.**

The meeting was concluded by Duncan at approximately 10:35 a.m.